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SUBJECT: ASEAN MOVES IN ECONOMIC SPHERE

1. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE ALMOST MAKE OR BREAK EFFORT TO ACHIEVE SOME TANGIBLE ECONOMIC PROGRESS BY ANNIVERSARY OF ASEAN BALI SUMMIT, A NUMBER OF ASEAN MEETINGS IN ECONOMIC SPHERE ARE SCHEDULED DURING REMAINDER OF THIS MONTH. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF BY MFA, ASEAN TRADE COMMITTEE IS NOW MEETING IN SINGAPORE TO CONTINUE WORK ON PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS. ONCE SINGAPORE MEETING IS CONCLUDED, FOCUS WILL SHIFT TO MANILA WHERE ASEAN INDUSTRY COMMITTEE IS TO MEET NEXT WEEK TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. FINALLY, A MEETING OF ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 21-22 IN MANILA, ALTHOUGH THERE COULD BE SLIPPAGE IF WORK OF SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES DOES NOT PROGRESS SATISFACTORILY.

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2. COMMENT: SINGAPORE OFFICIALS SEEM TO BE INFUSED WITH A DEGREE OF OPTIMISM REGARDING OUTCOME OF FOREGOING TALKS. DURING JANUARY 4 BREAKFAST TALK TO AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, TAN BOON SENG, SINGAPORE'S ASEAN SECRETARY GENERAL, SAID THAT PREFERENTIAL TRADING SCHEME AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS ARRANGEMENTS HAD PROGRESSED BUT IMPLIED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

IN MAY/JUNE. NGIAM TONG DOW, FINANCE MINISTRY PERM SEC
AND GOS REPRESENTATIVE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEES,
HAS SCHEDULED MEETING REQUESTED BY E/C COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS
ASEAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR JANUARY 25 SO THAT HE "WOULD
HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT".
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